

Williams Family Establishes Scholarship at SWOSU

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Larry and Cara Williams (fourth & fifth from left) of Weatherford recently established the Williams Family Scholarship to benefit SWOSU students in nursing, parks & recreation and Eagle Scouts from the Boy Scouts of America – Troop 355. With Larry and Cara are (from left): SWOSU College of Professional and Graduate Studies Associate Dean Dr. Chad Kinder; SWOSU School of Nursing Associate Dean Dr. Barbara Patterson, SWOSU President Randy Beutler; Eagle Scout Jarred Hardin; and CPGS Dean Dr. Ken Rose.

Larry and Cara Williams of Weatherford have donated funds to Southwestern Oklahoma State University to establish the Williams Family Scholarship to benefit students in nursing, parks & recreation and Eagle Scouts from the Boy Scouts of America – Troop 355.

The Williams established the scholarship with the SWOSU Foundation to help students in need of financial help.

Larry said he is thankful for his parents, their help, and the example they set for him while growing up. He hopes the scholarship will help other students in the development of their lives. In addition to the nursing and parks/recreation students, other SWOSU students eligible for the scholarships are Eagle Scouts in BSA Troop 355.

“The Williams family has had a positive and continuing impact on western Oklahoma.

For that, we are extremely thankful,” said SWOSU Dean of College of Professional and Graduate Studies (CPGS) Dr. Ken Rose. “For the Williams family to take the next step and provide student scholarships in law enforcement and nursing provides yet another tool to enable us to attract quality students to these programs. The CPGS recognizes the Williams family for their contribution in our mission to serve our students and western Oklahoma.”

Cara was raised in Geary, while Larry is a Weatherford native. He attended SWOSU in 1965 as one of the first members of the rodeo team before being drafted into service for the war in Vietnam. His parents, Vernon and Pauline Williams, are also SWOSU graduates.

Larry and Cara have a son, Mark, who was an Eagle Scout and a daughter, Candice, who attended the SWOSU School of Nursing.